

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A service discovery protocol server for discovering a service provided by an apparatus using a service discovery protocol, from another apparatus using a service discovery protocol different from the service discovery protocol has a common database for storing service information on a plurality of service discovery protocols, written in a common format, and a handler unit for handling one of the plurality of service discovery protocols. The handler unit includes a conversion unit for mutually converting service information between a format used in the one service discovery protocol handled in this handler unit and the common format.